boom in the Bikaner Milk Shed of Rajasthan. The capacity utilisation of powder plants in Rajasthan state, as a whole has been approximately 32 per cent during December, 1989 and January, 1990.

(b) and (c) Long life aseptic peckaging is a new technology where fuller utilisation of capacity can only be achieved over time. However there is likely to be a near doubling of the quantity of aseptic milk packed during 1989-90 compared with the previous year. Despite the initial teething problems inevitable in any new technology, all the 16 tetrapack machines have been installed and have been packing milk.

(d) There was no surplus milk situation during the last three to four years, because of prevailing drought situation.

(e) The Government of Maharashtra had approached NDDB in 1987 and 1988 for allotment of skim milk powder (SMP) and butter fat. The NDDB had then suggested to the Government of Maharashtra that they may use their own stock of commodities to tide over the situation and improve the procurement of milk. However, during 1989-90 Maharashtra has offered 5725 MT of S.M.P.' to NDDB which has been accepted.

Installation of edible oil tanks at Kandla and Calcutta

1288. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Edible Oil tanks are being installed at Kandla and Calcutta to ensure continued vegetable oil imports;

(b) whether these tanks are a part of Oil Technology Mission on National Vegetable Oils Development Board or the NDDB and whether Government's sanction had been obtained for this massive project under CLUSA/CIDA; and

(c) whether Government propose to hand over Vegetable Oil work now handled by NDDB to National Vegetable Oil Development Board?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) is currently constructing an edible oil tank farm at Kandla and also has plans to construct a tank farm near Calcutta. These tank farms are being established to handle oil purchased under Market Intervention Operations and not to ensure con tinued vegetable oil imports.

(b) The tank farms are being established by the NDDB under its vegetable oil project, 'Restructuring Edible Oil and Oilseed Production and Marketing' which was approved by the Government. The funds for the project are being generated by NDDB by monetising the edible oil gifts given by USAID/CLUSA and CIDA/CCA. Currently the funds available under the vegetable oil project are being utilised for establishing the tank farm.

(c) No, Sir.

Eradication of unemployment in the country

1289. DR. ABRAR AHMED KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of educated unemployed and semi-employed persons registered with the employment exchanges during the years 1977, 1980, 1984 and 1989 and what was the position of Rajasthan in this regard;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps or have drawn up any plans for the eradication of unemployment; if so, by when the unemployment would be eradicated; and

(c) whether Government are formulating any policy to provide a uniform unemployment allowance throughout the country; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) As per available information the number of educated (Matric & above) job-seekers on the live register of Employment Exchanges, not all of whom are

necessarily unemployed, for All India and Rajasthan, as at the end of the years 1977, 1980, 1984 and 1988 (latest available) were as given below:

(In lakhs)

Year	Live Register	
	All India	Rajasthan
1977 . .	57.3	1.4
1980 . .	81.6	1.8
1984 . .	125.4	2.9
1988(P) . .	175.1	4.7

P:Provisional

(b) and (c) The Eighth Five Year Plan is under formulation. Government is committed to Right to Work for every citizen, and proposes to introduce a bill to make the Right to Work a Fundamental Right in the Constitution. Further details are being worked out.

Formulation of a policy to provide old age pension in the country

1290. DR. ABRAR AHMED KHAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating any policy to provide a uniform old age pension throughout the country; and

(b) if so the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Old age pension is a subject, that falls under the purview of the State Governments. These pensions are paid by concerned State Governments/UTs out of their Non-Plan funds, generally to destitutes, old people and helpless widows, who have no-body to support them. The State Governments/UTs. have their own pension rules and regulations to govern the award of these pensions. This Ministry has been pursuing the State Governments for payment to uniform rates of pension of Rs. 100/- p.m. to all the eligible beneficiaries.

Success and breakthrough in milk production

1291. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been resounding success and breakthrough in millk production and development of novel feed practices and super management skills created idigenously at NDDB and IRMA;

(b) whether Government had also been receiving requests in the past for help in Dairy Development from other countries;

(c) whether Government are aware that an FAO expert was stationed at NDDB Anand for nearly 20 years cotrary to all Government rules and faced various serious charges leading to his being elbowed out;

(d) whether Government would examine the entire situation in view of (a), (b) and (c) above; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir. There has been a substantial increase in the milk production in the country due to the efforts made to improve the population of livestock by providing basic infrastructure and adopting improved technology in respect of breeding, feeding and providing health cover through implementation of Operation Flood and various State and Central Projects.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Dr. Michael Halse was attached to the National Dairy Development Board as as a FAO expert from 1968 to 31st March, 1983 with the approval of the Government.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Allocation made for the development of NCR

1292. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total allocation made by Government for the development of